

REMARKS

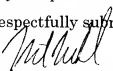
Claims 1-22 have been allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, and 21 have been amended to correct for grammatical matters.

Claims 23-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for the purposes of accelerating prosecution, and the applicant does not concede the Examiner's position on patentability and reserves the right to pursue these claims and other claims which are taught by the patent specification in one or more continuation applications. Cancellation of claims 23-36 makes all rejections of the claims moot and places the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Entry of the amendment and issuance of a notice of allowance at an early date is requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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